

REAL ESTATE.

The Week Past the Most Active Ever
Experienced in Our Healthy
Growth.

Quite a Number of Important Trans-
actions at Very Good Fig-
ures.

Other Cities in the Territory Forging
Ahead—A Fine New Building for
Missoula.

Real estate has been as active as ever
during the week. Some of the dealers who
have been giving reports of their doings
are very reticent because, they claim, their
brother dealers doubt their statements. A
noticeable feature has been the arrival of
at least a dozen real estate men, who pro-
pose playing their vocation of booming
things, as they have done in other towns.

One of Helena's foremost capitalists,
when asked what was the outlook for a
prosperous season for Helena, replied:

"The most promising feature of a lively
real estate market for the season is the
advent in town of the peripatetic boomer
and land shark, whose sole claim to
recognition and business is his gift of gab
and glib."

"He is becoming very numerous," and
the curbsome resounds with his harangues.
The city has been blessed with a body of
real estate men who in reputation and
financial standing, as a body, have been the
peer of any class of business men of the
place, and it is to be regretted that the high
standard should be lowered by the coming
in of a less responsible element.

"It will be well for would-be investors to
deal with established houses of known in-
tegrity."

The building activity continues through-
out the city and new enterprises are daily
being inaugurated. The Montana Granite
company has secured the corner of Fifth
and Hoback streets for a new building, and
will be in operation in ten days. This is
a branch of the Montana Granite com-
pany enterprises, and will prove a bene-
ficial feature in our growing industries.

The subject is, however, a Polish stone by
machinery, which will make it possible to
build houses with veneered sandstone
fronts.

Nearly every real estate dealer is pleased
with the week's business. Wallace &
Thornburgh report having had the best
week since they have been in business, their
sales being equal to double the amount of
any two previous weeks. They claim to
have sold 120 lots in two days, and rushed
with business in the Hershfield addition,
which has just been thrown on the market.

Withee & Hunter's report: "We
have had our usual run of business.
Nothing very important to record, our sales
principally being in retail trade. We
sold 75 feet in Flaxen Garden addition to
J. Hinkley of the Journal and others for
\$6.50 per foot. We sold 100 feet in Grand
avenue addition to Lewis Anthony for
\$1,300; 50 feet on lower Main street to
Wm. Larkin for \$2,000; about seven acres
for Mr. Floyd Jones to E. C. Driffield, of
San Francisco, and others, for \$4,500. Our
sales for the week will aggregate \$15,000.

This firm is giving very correct fold-
ing maps of Helena to its patrons, very
convenient in size to carry in the pocket.

WEST SIDE POINTERS.

Trade in west side property has been ac-
tive for the past week, principal trans-
actions being in Syndicate, Brooke, Bellevue,
Highland and Seymour Parks. A number
of transfers have been made in acreage ad-
joining Seymour Park at \$200 per acre just
double the price paid for the land five
months ago. Choice locations along Han-
over street are selling readily at from \$12 to
\$15 per foot, an advance of at least 50 per
cent. in about a year.

Porter, Muth & Cox, representing own-
ers in the prominent west side additions,
have just closed a building contract with a
well known architect, who is backed by
unlimited capital, for fifty houses, twenty
of which are to be built this season and the
balance next year. All of these houses are
to be first-class, nothing to cost less than
\$3,000. This will be a good opportunity
for purchasers to get a house in a first-
class neighborhood and on easy terms.

Nothing new has developed in the Meth-
odist college negotiations unless it be that
the site selected is at Marshall Haro's ranch
northwest of the city. It is probable that
all the details will be completed Monday.
The entire structure will cost \$150,000
when completed. Paulsen & McConnell
are preparing the plans of the interior, a
design of theirs for the outward appear-
ance having been accepted.

REAL ESTATE PLEASANTIES.

A very good story on a prominent real
estate man is going the rounds, and leaving
out names and other identifying features
is about as follows: The p. c. e. man has a
well defined faculty for enlarging upon
facts, the exercise of which a few weeks
ago brought frequent blushes to the cheeks
of an employee whose religious associa-
tions included him to a respect for truth
and veracity. After the association of em-
ployer and employee for a very few weeks
the latter developed such powers of elo-
quent dilution, marvelous prediction and
extravagant statement that the blust-
ered and hardened cheek of the p. c. e.
man and his friends hail this proof of a
lingering conscience with delight.

Another prominent dealer, who has
taken an active interest in locating the
Methodist college on Scratchy Graves, has
had a prophetic dream in which, although
the college had been located elsewhere, the
state capitol building had arisen from the
ashes of his hopes and its turrets and spires
pointed heavenward from the beautiful
southern slopes of his chosen site.

Another bidder for the esteemed honor of
placing the school tendered a fine plat of
ground, not, as he claimed, that he wanted
it, or that it would give him any good, but
simply to help out his brethren. An op-
posing wire-worker nailed him with the
proposition to place it elsewhere for a small
bonus. He didn't get it, though.

BUILDING IN MISSOULA.

Missoula is rapidly coming to the front
with new enterprises, characteristic of the
thrifty people who inhabit the pretty
town. Capt. Higgins, the well known
capitalist will begin right away the erec-
tion of a handsome structure, 100x90, three
stories and a basement, to cost \$65,000 and
will be located on Higgins avenue and
Main street. It will be a bank and busi-
ness block, the plans and elevation of
which are in the hands of Paulsen &
McConnell of this city, and were shown to
an independent reporter yesterday by
Mr. McConnell. The bank portion of the
structure will be of cut granite, with a
projecting circular tower bay on the cor-
ner, supported by polished granite col-
umns. In the first story there will be an
opening forming an entrance to the bank
proper. The bank will be fitted up with
all modern conveniences for the
speedy and effective transac-
tion of business. The finish of the
stores and bank will be one-fourth sawed
white oak. The store fronts will be
trimmed with native granite. The second
and third stories will be faced with St.
Louis pressed brick and terra cotta, the
whole being surmounted with a copper
cornice of a massive and elegant design.

PLAIN SAILING.

Germany's Premier in the Humor to
Concede America's Position on
the Samoan Question.

Sir Edward Malet Also Agrees, so
the Labors of the Conference Will
Not Last Long.

The Only Questions Those Affecting Mat-
ters Which Can be Adjusted Without
Much Friction or Delay.

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BERLIN, April 20.—Herbert Bismarck
has prepared a statement for the Samoan
conference as a basis for discussion. It
has been submitted to and approved by Sir
Edward Malet, the British ambassador,
who was in all probability consulted while
it was being drafted. If the American
commissioners accept the statement the
conference ought not to last more than a
week. Germany concedes the principle of
absolute non-interference in Samoa, and
the natives are to be left free to choose as
their ruler either Malletto, Tama-
se or Mataafa. No claims for
compensation for German subjects are
mentioned in the statement and practically
the work of the conference is limited to
defining explicitly the powers of the
consuls, in regulating trade and shipping,
the boundaries of any rights over Pago
Pago and other viceroyalties, and the
formation of a tribunal for the protection
and trust of foreigners. The foreign office
regards Bismarck's censure of Consul
Knapp and his declaration that Germany
does not desire to meddle with the internal
affairs of Samoa, combined with the pro-
posals to be placed before the Samoan
conference furnish ample proof that Germany
earnestly wishes to conciliate the Ameri-
can government. At the same time it is
regretted the American government in-
gored diplomatic etiquette in sending
delegates who are personally preju-
diced on the questions to be laid before
the conference. Nothing of this feeling
however, will be shown toward Bates and
Sewall, who will meet with a cordial greet-
ing from Herbert Bismarck on their arrival
Thursday. Sir Edward Malet, the British
ambassador here, has asked Lord Salisbury
to send Scott, the British minister, to Ber-
lin as a delegate to the Samoan conference.

The conference will be held to-day be-
tween Count Herbert Bismarck and
Sir Edward Malet, the British
ambassador, who are both members
of the international conference appointed
to arbitrate upon the Samoan question.
The statement published in the Cologne
Gazette to the effect that the nomination of
Mr. Sewall as disarming officer of the
American commissioners to the conference
together with the appointment of Mr. Bates
as a member of the commission, indicated
an unfriendly attitude on the part of the
government of the United States concern-
ing the proposed terms of settlement to be
deliberated upon by the commission, al-
though copied in the Berlin journals, is dis-
credited by the British minister and the
German authorities. On the contrary, it is
already sufficiently well understood in gov-
ernment circles here that all that the
American commissioners have been in-
structed to stipulate for in the terms of set-
tlement to be decided upon by the confer-
ence is that none of the treaty powers shall
exercise any domination hereafter over the
islands; that the maintenance of the su-
preme authority of the native government
shall be regarded as an essential condition
of any agreement between the United
States and Germany in the matter, and
that the policy pursued by the American
representatives at Apia during the recent
emete be clearly set forth to the commis-
sion. The German government having al-
ready declared itself in favor of the policy
of strict neutrality no apprehensions what-
ever are entertained here as to the threat-
ened international complications which
certain journals assert are more than likely
to arise between the German and American

governments during the discussion of the
terms of settlement of the Samoan question.
The Munich Allgemeine Zeitung says
South Germany has never witnessed any-
thing like the present activity of socialism,
the aim of which is to influence peasants
and the smaller land owners with a view
to obtaining their suffrages in the coming
election.

BEHRING SEA FISHERIES.

The Canadian Parliament to Discuss the
Matter Next Week.

TORONTO, April 20.—A special from
Ottawa to the Express, the government
organ, says Col. Prior some day next week
will initiate a discussion in the house in
reference to the Behring sea seizures. The
people of British Columbia are anxious to
secure a termination of the unpleasantness
which has existed for the last three years,
and until the question of jurisdiction in
Behring sea is determined some irritation
is likely to exist. It is understood nego-
tiations are still in progress on the subject,
and the general belief is there will be an
international conference to deliberate on
the question. France, Germany and Italy
are almost as much interested in the ques-
tion as Great Britain and Canada, and the
support of the government of these coun-
tries is confidently relied upon to sustain
the contention of the Canadian government.
At the present juncture the premier will
doubtless not feel justified in speaking as
openly on the question as he or the people
of British Columbia would like, but doubt-
less he will be able to give such assurances
as will satisfy the country that the govern-
ment has not been neglectful of its duty or
of Canada's interests. A special from
Victoria, B. C., on the subject says: "The
seal fishers are going out armed and pre-
pared to resist seizure by American cutters."

The Globe, commenting on the possibility
of a conflict, says: "In order to obviate
this danger, the British government should
order a man-of-war to protect Canadians in
the Behring sea, or should plainly abandon
the apparently shallow pretense that Great
Britain will stand by Canada's rights
against any American aggression what-
ever."

TRACE OF THE DANMARK.

One of the Steamer's Boats Found—No
News of the Passengers.

LONDON, April 20.—Capt. Blacklen, of
the British steamer Minnesota, from Balti-
more, reports that on the 14th inst., in lat-
tude 45 deg. 15 min. north, longitude 37
west, he passed a life boat painted white,
with the words "Danmark, Copenhagen,"
on the stern. In the boat were oars and
three rowlocks in position for use. One
boat-hook and one tarpaulin lay along the
bottom of the boat, which was half full of
water. The painter was coiled in the head
sheets, and pieces of cigar boxes were also
seen in the boat. There was every appear-
ance that the people who had been aboard
had been taken off.

NEW YORK, April 20.—A representative
of Funck, Eddy & Co. said this morning
the Minnesota had picked up one of the
Danmark's boats, and he surmised the pas-
sengers had been rescued. "Otherwise,"
he said, "where would the boats be? If
they perished the dead bodies would re-
main in the boats. It is not probable they
would jump overboard so long as it con-
tinued afloat. The broken cigar boxes in-
dicated the occupants have placed their
valuables in them when leaving the ship
and when being rescued broke up the
boxes in their hurry. If the passengers
have been rescued we ought to hear from
them by the end of next week.

Boulanger to Leave Belgium.

BRUSSELS, April 20.—Boulanger has an-
nounced his intention to leave here for
London on Wednesday. Bourée, the
French ambassador, yesterday informed
Prince de Chimay, minister of foreign af-
airs, that the meeting of the Boulanger
committee in Brussels impressed the Paris
government unfavorably. The cabinet
thereupon sent an official to the hotel at
which Boulanger was stopping to warn the
general that he must leave Belgium or the
government would expel him. After con-
sulting with Rochefort Boulanger consented
to leave. The other Boulangerist leaders
in Brussels will accompany him.

DID THEIR DUTY.

Admiral Kimberly's Report to Tracy
on the Disaster to the Navy
at Samoa.

The Faulty Construction of the Flag-
ship Given as the Cause
of Her Loss.

A Court of Inquiry Asked For—Seaman
Fooge an Honor to the Navy
and the Country.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—This morning's
mail to the navy department brought two
letters from Admiral Kimberly referring to
the wrecking of the American fleet at Apia.
The first letter is dated at Apia, March 19,
and reads:

"I have to commend to the government
of the United States the very great assist-
ance we received in saving public property
from our wrecked vessels at this place
from Mataafa, who without request on
my part called on me personally and sent
some hundreds of his men to assist our peo-
ple in saving stores and material from the
wrecked vessels. Also when the Nipise
and Vandalla went ashore the natives
risked their lives to save those of our
men who endeavored to reach the
shore by swimming, and two of them lost
their lives in the attempt. If some recog-
nition of these services could be made, I
think it would be appreciated very highly
by the Samoans, particularly as they have
so generously given their services and in
two cases their lives to befriend us."

Under date of Apia, March 21, Kimberly
writes: "The Nipise was got off last night
and is now afloat without rudder or rudder-
post. Her crew is engaged in trying to get
up her chains. The Trenton is sunk, water
coming over the port side of the gun deck
at high tide. I think her back is broken.
She might possibly be freed from the water
if we had the proper ap-
pliances—powerful steam pumps, etc.
She has no rudder, rudder post or pro-
peller. She lies with her deck slightly
inclined to seaward and lies alongside of
the wreck of the Vandalla, which is shore-
ward of her. The latter vessel is a total
wreck, broken in two. If I can save the
Nipise, which can be done, if the weather
permits, I will send her under convoy to
Auckland, to be docked and repaired.
Another ship should be sent here for the
purpose of conveying her, as the risk of an
improvised rudder is too great to send her
there alone. I have still to learn of the
condition of her machinery and propeller,
but I shall be informed in the course of a
few days."

Kimberly's official report is quite long.
It gives the details of the disaster in suc-
cinctness as already related by the Asso-
ciated Press correspondent in his full re-
port from Apia, though much less fully.
The following points of interest are taken
from the admiral's report. Kimberly says:
"Indications of bad weather appeared dur-
ing the forenoon of Friday, March 15, and
at 1 o'clock we commenced preparations to
meet the gale by sending down the lower
yards, housing the topmasts, lighting the
fires and raising steam." He refers to the
fact that most of the water came into the
flagship through the hawse pipes, as re-
lated in the Associated Press report. The
admiral says all efforts to prevent this
failed, owing to the force of the waves
driving out everything used to stop them.
The admiral then gives a list of the
killed, which does not differ from that sent
out by the Associated Press last week. He
then continues: "During the excitement
Capt. Farquhar showed great care and
good judgment in handling the ship through
this terrible gale and never left the bridge.
He was assisted by his executive and
navigating officers, and did all in his power
to save the ship. In fact, as far as ob-
served, all the officers behaved extremely
well under the trying circumstances and
performed their duties cheerfully. Capt.
Farquhar has demanded a court of inquiry.
As no disinterested officers are available,
he therefore respectfully refers the entire
matter to the department, and if further
investigation be deemed necessary I should

be pleased to have a court of inquiry or-
dered."

Brave Seaman Fooge.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—In a dispatch
from the late Capt. Schoonmaker, dated on
board the Vandalla, March 8, that officer
calls the attention of the department to the
meritorious conduct of William Fooge, a
seaman. A man fell overboard Feb. 22
and Fooge jumped overboard and brought
him a rope, enabling him to get on
board again. March 7, after a heavy blow,
with much swell in the roadstead, it was
discovered a rope was foul in a screw, thus
disabling the ship, then in an unsafe place.
Fooge went under the counter in a heavy
swell and cleared the line. On the same
morning Humphries, a seaman of the Vandalla, while work-
ing the anchors fell overboard. He could not swim and would have un-
doubtedly drowned but for the courage
and presence of mind of Fooge, who
jumped overboard from the forecabin,
swam to him with a rope and succeeded in
getting him on board. Commander
Schoonmaker in his report says: "In view
of these acts of efficiency and humanity, I
feel myself in duty bound to call them to
the attention of the department and to ask
that it will give such reward to Fooge as in
its wisdom will be right."

Centennial Preparations.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—According to
present arrangements for the centennial
celebration the presidential train will leave
Washington early Monday morning bearing
the president, his cabinet and their fami-
lies. Arriving at Elizabeth, N. J., they
will breakfast with Gov. Green, of New
Jersey, and the party will then proceed to
Elizabethport, where they will take the
boat for New York city landing at the
wharf where Washington stepped ashore.
The party will proceed to the city hall and
listen to the oration to be delivered by
Chauncey M. Depew. After luncheon
President Harrison will hold a reception
for two hours and will then be driven to
the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He will also at-
tend the ball Monday night. Blaine has
promised to respond to the toast "The
House of Representatives," at the banquet
Tuesday night.

Held Up a Stage.

FORT SMITH, Ark., April 20.—The stage
running between Wagon and Walker, on
the southern border of Oklahoma, was rob-
bed Thursday night. The driver jumped
into the Canadian river, after being
wounded, reached the opposite bank and
walked to Walnut Creek, where he re-
ported that the passengers, consisting of
two men and a woman, were in the hands
of the robbers and the coach burned.

The Strike About Over.

ST. PAUL, April 20.—Nothing more ser-
ious than jeers and hootings by strikers
and a crowd greeted the movement of the
street cars to-day.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 20.—The street car
attempted to start the steam motor line to-
day, but the motors had all been fixed.
The boilers were full of soap, soda and
vitriol.

The El Paso Muddle.

EL PASO, April 20.—The excitement
over the city government trouble is still
running high. Krakane, the republican
contestant arrested yesterday for con-
tempt of court in refusing to disclose the
combination of the city safe, is still in
jail. If he is sent to jail, trouble is antici-
pated.

Robbed in His Hotel.

CINCINNATI, April 20.—James Kelsa ar-
rived last night from Muncie, Ind., with
\$3,000 cash. At his hotel last night he was
attacked by an unknown man, beaten into
insensibility and robbed. It is believed
his assailant followed him from Muncie.

All Were Drowned.

CARTHAGE, Mo., April 20.—Mrs. A. H.
Lucas, accompanied by two daughters and
a hired man, attempted to ford a swollen
creek in a wagon last evening. The
waters carried the whole outfit down and
all were drowned.

Five hundred new hats will arrive this
week at Fowles cash store.

SANDS BROS.

LEADING DEALERS IN FINE

Dry Goods, Carpets and Wall Paper.

Special Attractions This Week

In Silks, Satins, Surahs, Fancy Combinations, Cloths and Dress Goods, Fine
Black Goods in all the Newest Materials. The Best Value in Henriettas ever
shown in the city. An Elegant Assortment of Trimmings for all Classes of Dress
Goods. 100 White Robes at about half the usual price. Laces, Embroideries
AND WHITE GOODS.

LADIES' WRAPS, JACKETS AND SUN SHADES.

NO LADY SHOULD SELECT A WRAP BEFORE INSPECTING OUR STOCK.
VISIT THIS DEPARTMENT AND IT WILL REPAY YOUR TROUBLE.

SANDS BROS. Helena, M. T.